

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed on April 25, 2007. Claims 23, 27 and 48 are amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

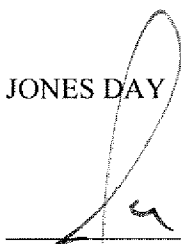
Examiner's Interview

The undersigned thanks Examiner Lau for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview on July 5, 2007. During the interview the pending rejections and the cited Toshio reference (JP 07-241039) were discussed. The remarks contained herein further summarize the interview.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 23, 37 and 48 have been amended to specify that the unloaded battery voltage recited in these claims represents a battery voltage in a completely unloaded condition. That is, the recited unloaded battery voltage is not a "partially" unloaded voltage. During the telephone interview, Examiner Lau indicated that this amendment distinguishes the claims from the cited Toshio reference and would overcome the pending rejections. The patent owner therefore submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and allowance is respectfully requested.

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